

## CHAPMAN STAMP IS POSSIBLE

### Japs Choose Bunny For New Year Stamp

A little Japanese girl with a pet white rabbit is shown in the design of the New Year's stamp issued by Japan on January 1, 1951. It has a value of 2 yen and a rose carmine color—printing is in photogravure.



Choice of the bunny as the subject matter of the New Year's stamp design is because 1951, which is the 26th year of Showa, falls under the Year of the Rabbit. A traditional Japanese custom divided the years, days and hours as all belonging to one of the signs of the zodiac whose order running from the Rat to the Boar includes the Rabbit in the fourth place.

Designer was Saburo Watanabe. Post office size panes contain 80 stamps, 10 x 8; total printing was ten million.

This same stamp design will be used in a souvenir sheet to be given winners of ninth prizes in the annual national lottery. Layout of the sheet will have an inscription, "The 26th Year of Showa/New Year's Present/Postage Stamp" on the right side of the top row, plus two of the stamps. The second row will consist of three of the stamps.

Distribution of the prize sheets to the winners will begin on February 1 at the post offices.

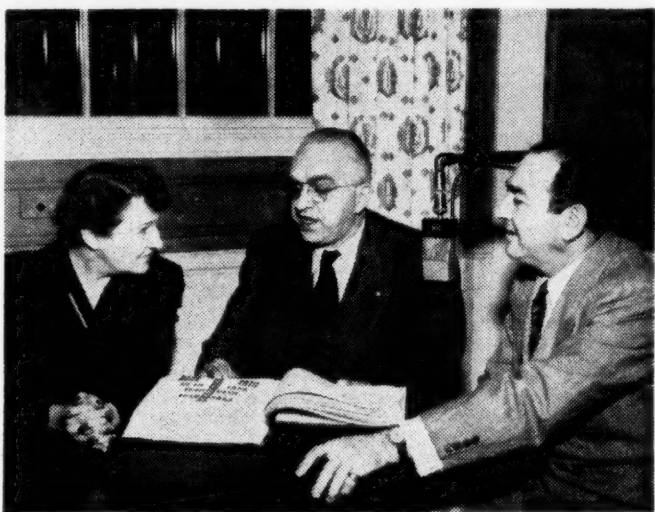
First day covers bearing the new stamp were received from R. Yoshida, 3-3600 Mejiro, Tokyo and T. Mizutani, 1927 Asahicho, Yokkaichi both of Japan.

### Venezuela Commends For Discovery Of Maracaibo

The commemorative stamps for the 450th anniversary of the Discovery of Lake Maracaibo were issued by Venezuela on December 18, at least the airmail part was, since they are to be found on a first day cover sent by F. Jacobi of Caracas, Venezuela.

Denominations and colors are 5c brown, 10c red violet, 15c dark brown, 25c lilac, 30c orange and 1B green. One design is common to all the stamps. It has a portrait of Alonso de Hojeda, Lake Maracaibo's discoverer, a caravel and a map of the territory surrounding the lake.

Printing of the issue was the work of Courvoisier et Cie of Switzerland.



HE TOLD THE WORLD ABOUT HIS CHRISTMAS SEAL COLLECTION. Vincent Domanski, currently the treasurer of the National Philatelic Museum, and a past president of the Society of Philatelic Americans, told the story of the 1907 Christmas Seal of Denmark, the world's first. Other highlights of his seal collection were brought out on the 15 minutes during which he broadcast over a national hook-up on the Mary Jones program. Shown, from left to right, are Mary Jones, Mr. Domanski and the announcer, unidentified. The program originated in a Philadelphia station.

### Justifies Costa Rica's Long Airmail Sets

Aero Philatelists, Inc., a society of stamp collectors whose interests lie with airmail material, became curious why Costa Rica produced such long sets. The answer, which appeared in the January 1, 1951 "Aerophilatelist's News" should be of interest to all stamp and cover collectors. It reads as follows:

"In response to our inquiry about the postal need for so many values in an airmail set, we publish...the comments from one of our correspondents in Costa Rica. We were especially anxious to hear from Costa Rica, which has issued so many long airmail sets. A recent example was 'The Agriculture Fair' issue of 14 values (1c, 2c, 3c, 5c, 10c, 30c, 45c, 50c, 65c, 80c, and 2, 3, 5 and 10 Col). A 1 centimo stamp has a face value in our currency (U. S.) of \$.00179. Many wonder just what airmail duty worth a small fraction of a cent could do. This applied also to all the other values under 30 centimos. In contrast, the two high values are worth \$2.68 in U. S. currency.

"Here is the explanation—'As regards the postal need for the lower values, I suppose the answer is yes and no. The 5c meets a definite rate for unsealed letters; and the 3c rate is in common use for certain printed matter. This stamp has been in use by the million for many years, the value, I should say. Also, by stretching the point, one can see that four fractions x 8c would require 12c postage, and a 10c and 2c stamp would fill the bill. However stamp dealers simply love these low values for

their juvenile trade and the fact that they are sold by the hundred thousand should justify the case. Please remember that for every collector who can pay \$3 or \$4 for a complete set including high values, there are thousands of juveniles who cannot spend more than a few cents and they want to have some too, even if only the lower values. Should we disappoint them?

"Looking at the postal tariff, I see that there is another classification of printed matter, including invitations, calling cards, maps, plans, music, printer's proofs, photographs, etc., etc. for urban delivery, which is 2c for each 50 grams or fraction. Hence here is our justification for the 2c value. The 1c seems to be the only one left out in the cold, but in the present example, I do not think anyone will seriously object to the handsome bull on this value."

### Outdoor Scenes On Moroccan Stamps

Spanish Morocco on December 30 released a set of six stamps picturing various outdoor activities.

The 5c brown and violet, and the 50c green and black show a native shooting at a wild boar. The 10c red and gray, and the 1Pt blue and violet picture two hunters on a bird shoot in the uplands. On the 5Pts. maroon and ultramarine a surf fisherman can be seen while on the 10Pts dark green and purple fishermen mending their nets and a boat are shown.

A first day cover bearing the six stamps was received from Carlos Lenze of Madrid, Spain.

### "Johnny Appleseed" Story Is Epic Of A Gentle Man With A Pure Heart And A Penchant For Doing Good

by H. M. BREHM

(Editor's Note: Because the Post Office Department has among its requests for commemorative stamps in 1951 one for John Chapman, known better as "Johnny Appleseed", it is believed that the readers of Linn's Weekly Stamp News would appreciate and enjoy a biography of this almost legendary figure. To that end, we are very pleased to offer Mr. Brehm's fine story about Johnny. It is done in the usual easily read and authoritative style which has marked other of his stories and articles in this paper. It is especially valuable since it sticks to known facts about Johnny Appleseed and does not indulge in the imaginative and sometimes not too accurate recountings of his life and work.)

John Chapman was born in Leominster, Massachusetts in 1774. But the first reliable trace of our modest hero finds him in the Territory of Ohio in 1801, where he appeared on horseback with a saddle-bag of apple-seeds, which he planted in various spots on and about the borderland of Licking Creek. The oldest apple orchard to survive his planting was located on the farm of Isaac Stadden, in what is now Licking county in the state of Ohio.

During the five succeeding years, there seems no further authentic account of his movements—although he was without doubt following his strange occupation—until the spring of 1806, when pioneer settlers in Jefferson county noticed a peculiar craft with a remarkable boatman and a curious cargo, drifting slowly with the current, down the Ohio river.

It was again "Johnny Appleseed"—by which name he seemed ever known—with two canoes lashed side by side, transporting a full load of apple-seeds, for the purpose of planting and starting more orchards, always on the farthest edges of the scattered white settlements.

With his canoes, he passed down the Ohio river to Marietta, where he entered the Muskingum river, ascending that stream until he reached the mouth of the Walhonding, or White Woman creek. Still onward he traveled, up the Mohican river, into the Black Fork to the head of navigation in the region of Ashland and Richland counties in Ohio.

A long and troublesome voyage it was, and must have required a great deal of time, for our lonely traveler stopped at every inviting spot to plant more seeds and start more infant nurseries.

#### JOHNNY—PERSONALLY

At the time of his appearance on Licking Creek, he was 26 years old. Whether impelled in his eccentricities by some misery of the heart which could find release only in incessant travel, or whatever else may have governed his benevolent monomania, his entire life thereafter was devoted to the planting of apple-seeds in remote places and being kind to all manner of animals.

A small, wiry man, full of restless activity, Chapman had long, dark hair, a scanty beard that was never shaved, and keen, black eyes that sparkled. His clothing was of the oddest, usually consisting of cast-off garments which he had taken in

payment of his apple trees, and as the pioneers were ever frugal, he received mostly old homespun and buckskin. It appears to have been a matter of conscience with him never to purchase shoes or clothing, although he was rarely without money to do so.

Even in coldest weather, he preferred to go barefoot, though sometimes he would make himself a rude pair of sandals for a long journey; at other times he would wear any cast-offs he could find—mayhap a boot on one foot and an old brogan or moccasin on the other.

In the matter of headgear his taste was equally unique. For some reason known to him alone, he would never wear anything on his head which had been worn by somebody else. At first he wore the tin vessel in which he cooked his mush thus killing two birds with one stone. But the kettle was no protection to his eyes from the sunlight, so after much variation, he finally finished a hat of pasteboard, with an elongated peak, which became standard with him through the years.

#### PROCUREMENT AND PROCEDURE

Johnny gathered his apple seeds from the cider presses of western Pennsylvania. The canoe-voyage of 1806 seems to have been the only occasion when he adopted the water route of transportation; all his subsequent journeys seem to have been made on foot. Securely packed, the seeds were conveyed, sometimes on the back of a horse, and not infrequently on his own shoulders.

Ordinary sacks made of fabric would not long endure the hard usage of long trips through forests dense with underbrush and briars, so Johnny made for himself a number of leathern bags. He often found himself in a veritable wilderness, the hill country crowned with trees, and in the coverts numerous bears, wolves, deer, and droves of wild hogs that were as ferocious as any beast of prey. But all seemed to understand that Johnny

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## Slogan Postal CANCELLATIONS

by J. F. McGee

This is an article on those publicity themes that collectors have grouped together under the name of slogan cancellations. Of course I am referring to those announcements and appeals that form a part of a postal cancellation, such as, "Remember, Only You Can Prevent Forest Fires".

I collect only those of the Omaha post office and they must be legible and on a No. 6 envelope. So I have no idea of how many of these that have appeared since the first one was introduced. They probably number over a thousand different kinds as in the 1920's any city having a convention, fair, exposition or civic celebration could obtain an advance publicity of it in a local postal cancellation.

#### Suggestions

To entreat the public to prevent forest fires and to shop early for Christmas is not entirely wasted. But more important slogan cancellations would be ones that urged the public to observe traffic safety. In fact I have never seen a postal cancellation that stressed safe driving; and the number of persons killed and injured, together with the property loss by auto accidents every twenty-four hours in this supposedly civilized country is simply appalling.

A dozen eye-catching slogans for cancellations could easily be devised. Here are three different ones that readily came to me. For instance, "MOST SERIOUS AUTO ACCIDENTS RESULT FROM SPEEDING", and "DRIVE WITH CARE AND COURTESY". I prefer this third one that is illustrated because it has a pictorial subject. It's a warning hand with the three line, three word slogan. WATCH/TRAFFIC/SAFETY.



WATCH  
TRAFFIC  
SAFETY

The warning hand is not original with me. It was copied from the subject of an Argentina stamp, issued July 22, 1948, to publicize "TRAFFIC SAFETY DAY". The pictorial theme might seem to be crude. It is not, in fact, as it represents a sign in the shape of a warning hand that is placed at dangerous street intersections and at dangerous curves on highways down there as a warning to motorists to slow down.

#### Should Not Serve As Cancellations

If the Post Office Department really desires these publicity themes to be readable and thus heeded, it should follow the example set by the postal meter companies and place the subject to the left of the town postmark and not on the stamp. In this position it would not need to be boxed and pictorial objects could be used in connection to attract attention.

The themes as an adjunct to private meter imprints are not always company advertisements. I have a cover of an insurance agency. To the left of the town postmark is a traffic safety subject. Obviously it was copied from a street sign nearby a school. It is framed and reads: "DANGER/CHILDREN/DRIVE AS/IF THEY WERE YOUR OWN." Many of the private meter imprints during World War II were accompanied by a patriotic theme. A metered Union Pacific Railroad cover of 1944 has a picture of the head of Uncle Sam with a warning finger on his lips and the caution "Sh/Don't Discuss/Troop Movements/Ship Sailings/War Equipment".

#### The "Big Lie" Slogan Cancellation

Many foreign countries imitate American products and grab American ideas. East Germany, for example, is using postal slogan cancellations to propagate "Big Lies" against the U. S. and Americans. During the past summer a standard one charged the Americans with having dropped

potato bugs from planes to destroy the potato crop, and depicts several potato bugs.

Unintentionally, the eggs of the American potato bugs were exported to Europe. They just happened to cling to the potatoes that were a ra. of the billions of dollars worth of relief food sent over there after World War I and II, that saved half of the people of Europe and Russia from dying of starvation.

### Homes With History On SOJEX Cachet

"Don't give up the ship."

The birthplace of the famous American naval commander who uttered that phrase as his dying command, will be reproduced on the seal and cachet for the sixteenth annual stamp exhibition sponsored by the Association of South Jersey Stamp Clubs.



By an unusual quirk of fate, another noted American, James Fenimore Cooper, was born at No. 457 in the attached house to the Captain Lawrence residence in 1789, eight years after the future heroic commander was born in Burlington, N. J. at 459 High street.

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SOJEX, 1951, presented March 2, 3 and 4 in Hotel Walt Whitman, Camden, N. J., will feature 350 frames of stamps, including 50 entered by the Philadelphia Chapter of the France and Colonies group. The American Topical Association will display another 50 frames covering every subject.

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The France and Colonies Group will donate three trophies and two medals for winners in its category. Exhibits also are eligible for the grand award of the show.

The official prospectus and entry blanks for this year's exhibition can be obtained from Joseph Cook, entries chairman, 36 Walnut St., Haddonfield, N. J.

Frame fee, including insurance, is \$1. Application blanks must be filed by Feb. 15 to secure listing in the official catalog of the show.

### Paessler Heads Club At Johnstown, Pennsylvania

The 1951 officers of the Johnstown, Pa. Stamp Club were named by the members at a recent meeting. They are Curtis P. Paessler as president; J. W. Byers as vice president; Homer L. Jones, secretary and R. K. Zettle as treasurer.

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UNION SOUTH AFRICA. After over 20 years the Union of South Africa is planning new designs for a definite series and according to reports, they will all be issued with both languages on each stamp, so that it will not be necessary to collect them in pairs.

The entire series will not be issued at one time and most of them will be bicolored. The first to be released will probably be the 4½ pence.

It is also reported that Paul Kruger is to be honored by a special set of stamps now being prepared.

GIBRALTAR. One sheet of the

6 pence carmine and gray of the recently issued Constitution set has been reported with a complete double overprint. This was bought at the post office and the purchaser used them all in singles and blocks on mail going to a London dealer. Some were sold as ordinary used copies before it was discovered that the overprint was double. Some were badly damaged in transit and it is estimated that about 35 copies are in good used condition.

A large London dealer is offering these used copies at 25 Pounds each and blocks at 100 Pounds.

TONGA. The promised set to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Treaty of Friendship with Great Britain has not as yet appeared. The actual date of the signing of this treaty was May 18, 1900, so that the 50th anniversary was May 18, 1950.

ST. HELENA. Check your copy of Scotts #81, the 1½ pence rose red, priced at 30c. Stanley Gibbons lists three colors as follows:

Rose red—1/9  
Carmine rose—8/-  
Deep carmine rose—40/-  
BERMUDA. Scotts #124, the 2/6 red and black on blue paper is priced at 70c. Gibbons list two varieties—black and red on gray blue paper at 17/6 and black and red on pale blue paper at 5/-.

CYPRUS. The 18pi #152 is listed by Scott as olive green and black at 55c. Gibbons list a black and sage green at 6/- and black and olive green at 10/-.

The 1 pi orange #146 is priced by Scott at 4c perforated 12½. If perforated 13½ x 12½ the price in Gibbons is 8 Pounds. If perforated 12½ the price is 3 pence.

The 2 pi carmine and black #147B is listed by Scott at 7c perforated 12½. If perforated 12½ x 13½, the price in Gibbons is 3 shilling and with perforation 12½ is priced at 4 pence.

PERFORATIONS. Recent printings of colonial stamps show many changes in perforations some of which may eventually be good. Among these are Bermuda 2/6 and 12/6 which are now 13½ x 13, Brunei 2c, 5c and 10c which are now 14½ x 13½ and Brunei 50c now perforated 13.

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14	4.35	388	3.45	R87C	1.20	R169c	3.75	282c	2.70	O9	4.90	10	2.20	388	5.10	R99A	85.00	63	2.30	O47	3.94	2.30	O47	3.94	2.30	O47	3.94	2.30	O47
15	3.95	392	.54	R91C	.65	R175C	3.75	283c	2.70	O19	.45	14	7.10	392	.77	R1B	.65	64	1.05	O50	1.05	1.05	O50	1.05	1.05	O50	1.05	1.05	1.05
30A	4.20	399	.46	R92C	1.18	RE175C	3.75	283A	2.70	O20	.56	15	7.10	399	.69	R3B	.45	65	1.05	O51	1.05	1.05	O51	1.05	1.05	O51	1.05	1.05	
35	1.35	400A	.46	R93C	.65	PLAY CARDS			2.80	O21	.67	24	.85	403	.89	R6B	5.80	68	4.25	O51	4.25	4.25	O51	4.25	4.25	O51	4.25	4.25	
36	2.40	401	.37	R95C	.85	RF9	2.84	284	2.30	O22	1.10	30A	6.85	419	1.30	R11B	4.65	73	2.10	O52	2.10	2.10	O52	2.10	2.10	O52	2.10	2.10	
38	7.65	403	.59	R99C	.85	Black	2.20	285	.45	O21	1.10	35	2.10	421	1.20	R13B	2.40	124	9.20	O53	9.20	9.20	O53	9.20	9.20	O53	9.20	9.20	
63	.45	419	.78	R97E	10.95	Violet	4.50	287	1.85	O23	1.10	38	3.65	422	1.10	R18B	10.50	147	.90	O55	.90	.90	O55	.90	.90	O55	.90	.90	
63A	1.75	421	.69	R134	1.05	Jarmine	2.20	288	1.35	O24	2.80	38	12.40	440	.78	R24B	.58	149	5.65	O57	5.65	5.65	O57	5.65	5.65	O57	5.65	5.65	
63B	1.10	422	.65	R179	4.10	Black Down	2.95	289	2.95	O28	1.10	63	3.40	447	.73	R12c	.98	183	3.65	O61	3.65	3.65	O61	3.65	3.65	O61	3.65	3.65	
64	8.95	435A	.44	R262	.50	Violet	2.60	290	1.35	O29	2.15	63A	3.40	447	.73	R12c	.98	183	3.65	O61	3.65	3.65	O61	3.65	3.65	O61	3.65	3.65	
64A	.30	440	.48	R263	.98	Black	2.20	296	1.35	O31	4.10	63B	1.85	476	1.05	R14c	2.15	184	.50	O74	.50	.50	O74	.50	.50	O74	.50	.50	
67	7.95	442	.45	C-CANC.			2.60	297	1.35	O35	1.10	67	13.50	478	.69	R35E	.65	189	2.70	O75	2.70	2.70	O75	2.70	2.70	O75	2.70	2.70	
68	.45	447	.45	P-PIN INIT.			4.95	299	2.90	O36	.47	68	.80	479	2.05	R39c	.79	205	1.60	O76	1.60	1.60	O76	1.60	1.60	O76	1.60	1.60	
68A	1.10	468	.49	R370	.85	RF15X	1.25	302	.45	O37	.59	68A	.85	332A	2.45	R41c	1.65	211	1.75	O77	1.75	1.75	O77	1.75	1.75	O77	1.75	1.75	
68X	1.85	470	.33	RB7B	3.50	RF38P	4.75	303	.50	O38	.55	68X	2.90	541	1.35	R47c	.45	213	1.01	O78	1.01	1.01	O78	1.01	1.01	O78	1.01	1.01	
69	1.35	476	.69	RB8P	5.25	RF18A	1.30	304	.50	O40	1.15	69	1.90	547	1.50	R64c	.58	265	.80	O79	.80	.80	O79	.80	.80	O79	.80	.80	
70	2.80	478	.49	RB8A	29.50	RF21	1.30	306	.50	O41	1.35	70	4.40	550	1.25	R71c	.58	268	.65	O81	.65	.65	O81	.65	.65	O81	.65	.65	
70B	4.95	532A	1.75	RB13A	.68	RB13A	3.08	308	.50	O43	1.95	71	2.40	579	1.20	R72c	1.10	280	.80	O82	.80	.80	O82	.80	.80	O82	.80	.80	
71	1.45	541	.69	RB16A	3.95	10	4.90	309	2.20	O54	.95	72	8.70	511	.68	R76c	1.35	282	1.35	O87	1.35	1.35	O87	1.35	1.35	O87	1.35	1.35	
72	4.95	545	3.95	RB17A	1.25	24	1.10	325	2.15	O57	.85	73	.69	516	1.40	R77c	1.35	284	1.35	O88	1.35	1.35	O88	1.35	1.35	O88	1.35	1.35	
73	.48	550	.79	RB3B	1.45	35	2.90	326	3.10	O59	.55	75	6.35	519	.98	R84c	.43	289	2.70	O89	2.70	2.70	O89	2.70	2.70	O89	2.70	2.70	
75	1.20	572	.72	RB5B	4.45	36	4.45	327	5.95	O60	.49	76	1.69	548	.98	R88c	.83	335	1.05	O91	1.05	1.05	O91	1.05	1.05	O91	1.05	1.05	
76	1.05	578	1.95	RB15B	.34	64A	2.20	335	1.70	O63	1.00	76	2.76	650	.35	R88c	.83	335	1.05	O92	1.05	1.05	O92	1.05	1.05	O92	1.05	1.05	
77	1.49	611	.45	RB17B	1.15	64A	2.20	335	1.70	O73	.37	77	2.35	C2	2.30	R89c	.43	352	1.80	O93	1.80	1.80	O93	1.80	1.80	O93	1.80	1.80	
78	1.25	AIR MAIL	.75	RB18B	.90	68	2.25	336	.80	O75	.48	93	1.15	SPEC. DEL.	1.85	R91c	1.35	358	3.00	O96	3.00	3.00	O96	3.00	3.00	O96	3.00	3.00	
89	1.85	C2	1.75	RB12C	4.20	71	6.70	337	.40	O78	.75	96	1.95	E1	1.85	R10c	1.35	376	.50	O108	.50	.50	O108	.50	.50	O108	.50	.50	
91	4.25	SPEC. DEL.	1.15	RB13C	2.60	73	1.20	338	1.15	O79	.58	97	2.70	E3	.45	R11c	.85	377	.50	O115	.50	.50	O115	.50	.50	O115	.50	.50	
93	.75	E1	.45	RB15C	2.25	75	11.25	349	1.30	O81	.80	98	2.40	E4	.85	R11c	.38	378	.48	O116	.48	.48	O116	.48	.48	O116	.48	.48	
96	6.80	E4	.59	RC20C	.59	76	2.85	350	2.85	O82	1.65	113	2.75	J4	1.20	R262	.75	388	1.75	O119	1.75	1.75	O119	1.75	1.75	O119	1.75	1.75	
96	1.25	E24	.59	RC20C	.59	76A	4.45	352	1.25	O87	1.95	117	1.77	J18	.70	R263	1.40	394	1.40	O120	1.40	1.40	O120	1.40	1.40	O120	1.40	1.40	
97	1.95	POST. DUES	.59	RC21C	.59	78	3.95	353	3.95	O101	.85	148	.57	J28	.32	R263	.32	395	.75	O121	.75	.75	O121	.75	.75	O121	.75	.75	
98	1.45	J4	.75	RD56	.49	78	3.95	353	3.95	O102	2.65	49	2.50	DEPTS.	.45	R314	.40	442	.90	O122	.90	.90	O122	.90	.90	O122	.90	.90	
113	.55	J18	.45	RD59	1.00	90	12.50	354	2.95	O106	1.35	150	.80	O15	.45	R314	1.40	442	.90	O123	.90	.90	O123	.90	.90	O123	.90	.90	
116	1.69	J59	5.75	RD60C	3.60	92	3.90	355	2.15	O107	3.15	152	2.25	O16	.30	R314	1.40	442	.90	O124	.90	.90	O124	.90	.90	O124	.90	.90	
118	0.95	JQ2	.35	RD60P	2.40	94	1.15	358	2.30	O106	1.35	150	.80	O15	.45	R314	1.40	442	.90	O125	.90	.90	O125	.90	.90	O125	.90	.90	
121	2.70	DEPTS.	.63	RD76P	.89	95	14.90	355	.45	O107	3.15	152	2.25	O16	.30	R314	1.40	442	.90	O126	.90	.90	O126	.90	.90	O126	.90	.90	
148	.98	O28	.63	RD78P	2.95	96	4.45	356	.85	O109	.85	153	2.89	O17	.28	R320	.80	443	.50	O127	.50	.50	O127	.50	.50	O127	.50	.50	
149	1.58	O31	2.95	RD85P	1.95	112	3.25	359	1.10	O120	.85	154	4.65	O18	.28	R370	.90	444	2.40	O128	2.40	2.40	O128	2.40	2.40	O128	2.40	2.40	
150	.55	O52	.48	RD107C	.45	113	2.25	394	1.35	O126	1.35	161	.45	O19	.85	R381c	4.95	456	5.90	O129	5.90	5.90	O129	5.90	5.90	O129	5.90	5.90	
151	1.00	O62	.95	RD109C	.30	114	.95	396	1.05	O126	1.35	162	2.10	O20	.39	R381c	2.15	461	3.45	O130	3.45	3.45	O130	3.45	3.45	O130	3.45	3.45	
152	1.38	O66	3.95	RD110P	.70	119	8.85	403	5.40	O126	1.35	163	2.39	O21	1.30	R381c	4.64	456	5.90	O131	5.90	5.90	O131	5.90	5.90	O131	5.90	5.90	
153	1.89	O76	.78	RD132C	1.25	120	22.75	416	1.40	O126	1.35	165	1.90	O22	.75	R381c	1.70	507	.90	O132	.90	.90	O132	.90	.90	O132	.90	.90	
159	2.62	O81	3.15	RD133P	.40	122	58.75	427	1.46	O126	1.35	165	1.90	O22	.75	R381c	1.70	507	.90	O133	.90	.90	O133	.90	.90	O133	.90	.90	
162	1.32	O81	.56	RD153c	.56	124	12.40	428	.75	O126	1.35	165	1.90	O22	.75	R381c	1.70	507	.90	O134	.90	.90	O134	.90	.90	O134	.90	.90	
163	1.59	O82	.32	RD155	1.25	125	39.50	427	.75	O126	1.35	165	1.90	O22	.75	R381c	1.70	507	.90	O135	.90	.90	O135	.90	.90	O135	.90	.90	
165	1.25	O83	.39	RD155c	.40	133	2.80	429	.60	O126	1.35	165	1.90	O22	.75	R381c	1.70	507	.90	O136	.90	.90	O136	.90	.90	O136	.90	.90	
189	.39	O88	.49	RD156c	3.45	145	1.40	433	.35	O126	1.35	165	1.90	O22	.75	R381c	1.70	507	.90	O137	.90	.90	O137	.90	.90	O137	.90	.90	
190	.66	O95	1.25	RD156P	2.95	147	.55	435A	1.15	O126	1.35	165	1.90	O22	.75	R381c	1.70	507	.90	O138	.90	.90	O138	.90	.90	O138	.90	.90	
191	4.85	O110	1.20	RD157P	7.85	150	3.30	442	.55	O126	1.35	165	1.90	O22	.75	R381c	1.70	507	.90	O139	.90	.90	O139	.90	.90	O139	.90	.90	
212	.55	O12	5.90	RD158P	1.50	156	.70	445	1.85	O126	1.35	165	1.90	O22	.75	R381c	1.70	507	.90	O140	.90	.90	O140	.90	.90	O140	.90	.90	
217	1.59	O13	1.75	RD178	1.75	157	1.10	447	.50	O126	1.35	165	1.90	O22	.75	R381c	1.70	507	.90	O141	.90	.90	O141	.90	.90	O141	.90	.90	
218	4.85	O19	.30	RD178P	.55	158	4.25	448	.50	O126	1.35	165	1.90	O22	.75	R381c	1.70</												

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Our previous mention of stamps with flowers pictured on them brought so many requests from ladies who wanted to know where such stamps could be obtained that we asked dealers who could supply such stamps to advise us and stated that we would print their address in this column. Well, we now have heard from several dealers, some of whom are specialists in Topical stamps, others are apparently very small operators and some are among the larger and more thorough dealers who have advertised with us regularly.



## New M.O. System Begins On July 1

Additional information about the discontinuance of Postal Note Stamps a news item about which appeared in the December 25 edition of this paper has been supplied by Percy C. Davenport, Bloomfield, N. J.

Mr. Davenport expresses the opinion that not only will the postal note stamps go out of existence on June 30 this year, but the notes themselves will be discontinued in their present form. He cites the Post Office Department's current plans on the matter from a recent official bulletin. It reads:

"A plan to modernize and streamline the postal money order system in line with the latest mechanical business techniques was announced (October 2, 1950) by Postmaster General Donldson. The new system will become effective July 1, 1951.

"The basis of this is a money order form printed on a tabulated card prepunched to designate a regional post office and serial number. It will supersede both the present Money Order and Postal Notes.

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Up to the time this copy was prepared the above are those who have replied to our request for names of dealers who can and will supply flower stamps. Several of the above are specialists in Topical stamps and can supply many other topics as well as flowers.

## Where Stamp Collectors Live

Believing that our advertising patrons might be interested in a breakdown as to our circulation, we made a review of the same early in December and found out just how many copies go to each state in the Union and how many copies go to several of the leading cities. Following is the list by states:

Alabama	115	Louisiana	206	N. Dakota	91
Arizona	99	Maine	203	Ohio	3205
Arkansas	108	Maryland	450	Oklahoma	193
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Colorado	197	Michigan	1487	Pennsylvania	2346
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Illinois	2405	New Hampshire	173	Vermont	114
Indiana	777	New Jersey	1401	Virginia	391
Iowa	522	New Mexico	79	Washington	244
Kansas	363	New York	5084	West Virginia	208
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Wyoming				Wyoming	353
TOTAL					30,026

In checking the cities we are listing every city where the number of subscribers is over 200. This list contains eighteen cities and we give them in order:

New York	1376	Milwaukee	299	Dayton	230
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Cleveland	349	Minneapolis	230	Baltimore	205

In addition to the 30,026 listed under states, we also send outside the United States a total of 625 copies. These do not include APO's which go out through New York or San Francisco. That makes a grand total on December 4, the date this survey was made, of 30,651 copies. Since that date we have made a substantial increase and our current order for last week was just under 32,000 copies.

Thus with the above figures our advertising patrons can see where the paper is circulating and the figures should also be of interest to readers and especially those who are interested in local stamp clubs. We have more circulation in any of the cities than we have members in any city stamp club. This shows that there is some for some activity on the part of the clubs.

The figures for cities above show only 1376 in New York against 18 in Chicago. The figure for Brooklyn 738 should properly be a part of New York and we might add that New York figures are for the five Boroughs. We have additional circulation in the Greater New York area equal perhaps to the total figure shown for New York, thus perhaps around 2500 to 3000 within Greater New York area. This makes a substantial number for New York dealers to check direct through announcements in our columns.

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## PHILATELY IN FORMOSA

by Rodney Gilbert

Staff Writer — New York Herald Tribune

The government of Free China on Formosa has issued a new set of stamps. The change is not likely to make an esthetic appeal to those persons who get mail from the "Isle Beautiful." Until recently the most familiar Taiwan stamp was a very pleasing picture of a pair of white cranes in flight over a globe floating in clouds. Maybe it was meaningless to others; but to those who have been there is was a reminder of a pleasant feature of the Formosan landscape. The little white cranes are omnipresent in the lowlands because they make their living in the rice fields, which no one seems to begrudge them. Then one cannot look long at the sky without seeing low flights of them in V-formation. They are affectionately known to foreign residents as "Susies," because that is a fairly close approximation of their Chinese name.

Well, the Susies are no longer stirring nostalgic thoughts of Formosa among former visitors abroad; for their place has been taken on the stamps of all denominations that come my way by an old-fashioned Chinese mandarin, with his identification in such microscopic Chinese type underneath (and then giving a name unfamiliar in the Occident), that he is unlikely to mean anything to Formosa's foreign friends. But he will mean a lot to more than six million native Taiwanese, for this is an alleged likeness of their national hero and of a swashbuckler who was once very unfavorably known to all European adventurers in Far Eastern waters. Formosa crops up in the news every other day, and may be of still greater interest anon; so the significance of this appeal to his memory on a stamp may be worthy of understanding. And it is highly significant at this juncture, because this worthy fought the Manchu invasion of China from the north, in defense of the Ming dynasty. He retreated to Formosa to lick his wounds and make a fresh start. If he is looking down on the present scene, he must naturally be a patron of resistance to the current conquest of China from the north by a new wave of alien invaders. That is what he means on the stamp.

But who is he? To the Portuguese he was known as Koxinga, and that name stays with him in most Occidental histories of China and of early traffic with the East. Koxinga is not a name but a title, now all but forgotten in China. The Chinese equivalent of Kuo Hsing Yeh (the Portuguese X being sh, as in Canada or Shang Tu), which literally means National Surname Grandfather. This in turn means, I believe, that the Emperor had bestowed upon him the right to use his family name—a great distinction, but not a very rare one. To the Portuguese and then to the Dutch he was known as a hardy and ruthless pirate, very much in the way of trade with the Far East. To the Dutch he was later known as the savage outlaw who broke up their colony on Formosa and drove them out forever. To the Taiwan people he is most favorably known for this feat. His name was Cheng Ch'eng-kung, and that is what appears on the stamp.

Koxinga had a father who did not turn out to be a credit to him. Cheng Chih-lung, the father, was a native of the small city of Nanan in Fukien province, across the channel from Formosa. As a young man he went to Japan on a trading venture and stayed long enough to acquire a Japanese wife and have a baby son. This was the origin of Cheng Ch'eng-kung. Many years later, Cheng Chih-lung, the father, was an official in charge of the defense of the Yangtze where the Grand Canal crosses it at Chinking. The last reigning Ming Emperor was dead, the Manchus had taken Peking and had extinguished his family. Several collateral heirs were in refuge south of the river, where various generals, loyal to the Ming, were trying to get forces together to recover the north. It was most important to them that the river be held. But when a Manchu army, moving down the canal, approached Chinking, papa Cheng distinguished himself by abandoning his position with all his forces and leaving the Yangtze crossing, and thence Nanking, wide open to the alien conquerors. That was in 1645. Cheng Chih-

lung fled to his native Fukien, picking up one of the Ming heirs on the way; and, in 1646, proclaimed him Emperor at what seemed a safe distance from the Manchus, who were busy pushing other loyal generals and other Ming heirs. But the conquerors turned his way, and the next we hear of him he had gone over to the Manchus in the belief that they would give him high office in Peking. They took him to Peking all right, but there they lodged him in jail where they kept him until, in 1653, his son had become a formidable champion of a Ming restoration. Then they executed him.

Immediately after his father's defection and arrest, our Koxinga took to patriotic piracy in a big way. That was in 1647. By 1654 he was strong enough to challenge the Manchu tenure of the whole Fukien coast—opposite Formosa. The next year he made himself a nuisance all along the Chekiang coast. This was his range for several years. But, in 1659, when the Manchus had concentrated on chasing one of the last of the Ming heirs through Yunnan into Burma, Koxinga sailed up the Yangtze with a great fleet and threatened to take Nanking. The Governor offered to surrender, but sent north a call for help and contrived to dicker long enough over the surrender terms for a Manchu army to come to the rescue. Koxinga's own camp was taken by surprise and part of his fleet was burned. With what he had left the pirate-patriot withdrew down river and into the open sea.

Ming heirs were getting scarce, and loyal generals with any following were getting scarcer on the mainland; so Koxinga decided to establish himself on Formosa, rebuild his strength and await a more favorable opportunity for a comeback on the mainland. One thing wrong with this plan was that the Dutch were in the way. With the blessing of the Japanese, who enjoyed piratical right on Formosa during the decline of China's Ming Dynasty, but had shirked the task of assuming military control, the Dutch had settled at Tainan about 1626, and by 1634 had built themselves a stronghold there, Kasteel Zeelandia, which they thought gave them secure mastery of the island. Upon this Koxinga descended with his fleet in 1660. He landed 25,000 men, herded the Dutch into their "kasteel," and invested it for two years, during which 1,600 Dutch defenders were killed. There are diverse accounts of how the end came in 1662, but it does not matter much now whether Koxinga finally stormed and took the place or whether there was a negotiated surrender, under the terms of which the Dutch were permitted to sail away to Sunda. But the important point to the Formosans is that they did not return.

In that same year Koxinga died. His son declared himself King of Formosa, and demanded that the Manchus, then firmly established, give him the same recognition that they did the King of Korea. They refused. Like his esteemed father, he then entered upon a long career

of piracy and in 1679 gave support to an abortive revolution in Fukien, got the worst of it and died on Formosa in 1680. A son succeeded him as the King of Taiwan, but not for long. The Manchus decided to put an end to the Cheng family; and, in 1683, a Chinese admiral in their employ first took the Pescadores and then established Imperial Chinese rule on Formosa. That did not actually finish the hardy Cheng family, for they continued to be trouble makers for another thirty-eight years, now on Formosa, now on the mainland. But they did then fade out of history as spectacular rebels.

That may seem like a long story about a stamp; but this story will perhaps explain why the use of this stamp has somewhat the character of an invocation.



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## Dutchmen Lose Agency Service

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Collectors outside Holland will still be able to purchase their requirements of Netherlands stamps via the philatelic agency at face value. It operates under the Netherlands Administration of Posts, Press and Publicity Department, 71a Zeestraat, The Hague, Netherlands.

It was claimed that the agency did not meet its expenses of operation. It was operated from surpluses earned in other departments of the post office. Continued operation for foreign collectors will be maintained as propaganda to gain the good will of persons outside the nation.

The foreign philatelic press, as well as a number of accredited clubs and persons will continue to receive the press notices of the new issues to be released.

## John M. Smith Suffers Fatal Heart Attack

John M. Smith, 62, who for more than 25 years was superintendent of the Postage Stamp Printing Division of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing died of a heart attack Wednesday, December 27 at Fort Lauderdale, Florida where he was on vacation.

Mr. Smith, who had retired in 1949, had been with the Bureau for 42 years. His first job was as a skilled helper. From that he merited succeeding advancements to foremanship of the examining division in 1923, and later to the position he held at the time of his retirement.

He had been associated with SPA, APS, the National Philatelic Society, the Washington Philatelic Society, the Collectors Club of Washington, the Collectors Club of New York and the American Philatelic Congress.

While he never had a private collection of stamps of his own, he nevertheless prepared a government stamp display, and one given by the Bureau to the late President Roosevelt.

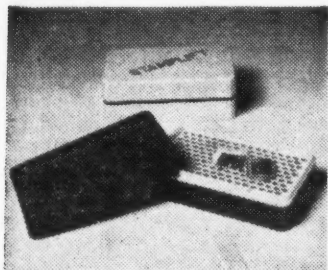
He is survived by his wife, Dora Platt Smith, 1417 Newton St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

## Birmingham Collectors Offer Sunday Stamp Show

Stamp collectors of Birmingham, Mich., a community about 15 miles north of Detroit, are going to show their collections in a one day show Sunday February 4. At least the members of the Birmingham Stamp Club are. The exhibition will be set up in the Birmingham Community House, 380 South Bates St.

Visitors are welcome any time between 12 noon and 9 p. m. Approximately 20 dealers have signified their intentions of taking a table on the bourse.

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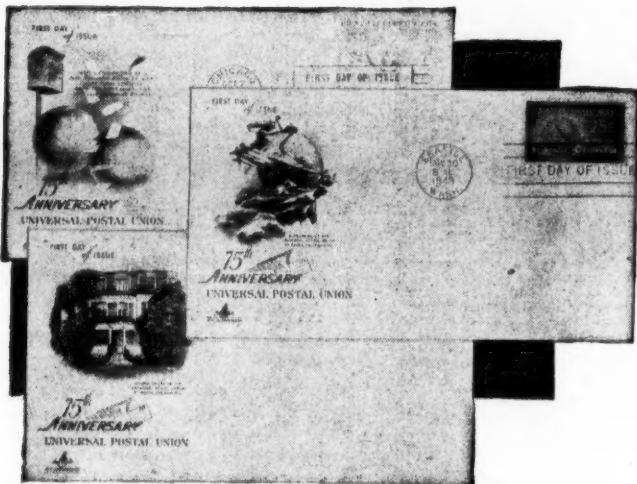
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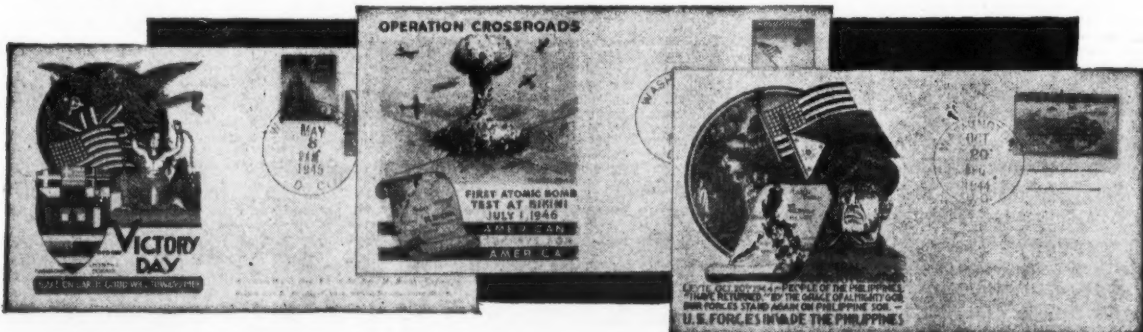
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2. That the President shown on our design A300 had the most children except the one shown on design A287 who was twice married. One President had no children to speak of—he was a bachelor. (see below).

3. That Italy on its designs A208-217 shows further quotations from the Aeneid of Virgil, that famous travelogue which may have started the proverb that all roads lead to Rome.

4. That a statue of Liberty similar to the one of our former 15c stamp also appears on the stamps of Peru.

5. That Captain James Cook shown on the stamps of Aitutaki, Cook, and Penrhyn Islands besides being a navigator was also noted for his preventative measures against scurvy, a disease prevalent on sailing ships of those days.

6. That the discovery of the incorrupt body of St. Barnabas, the location of which was determined by a dream, is shown on the A18 design of Cyprus. The tablet on the chest of the corpse, in minute letters gives the opening words of the Gospel of St. Matthew.

7. That the man shown on Egypt A66 would only marry a girl whose first name began with the letter F. He however found one he liked and changed her name to Farida and later divorced her because she bore him no sons. His sister lost out for the same reason with the ruler of another country. (see below).

8. That Germany on A103 design shows the man in part responsible for postage stamps and stamp magazines—he invented the art of printing. Johann Gutenberg is also shown on the stamps of Bulgaria.

9. That Manasseh Cutler shown on United States design A268 was not only an explorer but also a physician with a most appropriate name for a surgeon.

10. That due to the excellent fishing available in Lake County Florida postage due stamps were used more in winter than in summer when local or city rates on first class mail were only two cents a few years ago. Tourists having local mail forwarded from northern homes were responsible.

2. Most children Benjamin Harrison; John Tyler was twice married; James Buchanan unmarried.

7. King Farouk.

**San Marino Releases New Special Delivery**

New special-delivery stamps for San Marino are reported by P. Ostrow, Elizabeth N. J.

The issue consists of two values, a 60-lire rose, Scott's type SD4, showing a view of San Marino, and an 80-lire deep blue, Scott's type SD5, featuring a

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Mr. Ostrow calls attention to an apparent change in San Marino's stamp-issuing policy. During the past year, the only commemoratives issued were the three-values of the inexpensive set in honor of It' y' Milan Fair. Aside from these, the only stamps released were a definitive postage and airmail set to replace stamps which have been in use since 1945, and a single parcel-post provisional, necessitated by the need for a high-denomination stamp for parcels.

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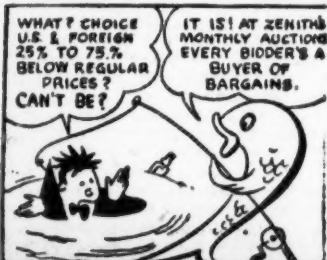
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**THREE COLORFUL COMMEMS FROM EGYPT.** All were given a first day send-off on December 27. A 30 mills maroon and green marks the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Royal Geographical Society. Pictured are a globe and Khedive Ismail Pasha during whose reign the Society was born. A 22 mills in green and red violet is to mark the 25th anniversary of King Fuad I University. Shown is a building of the school and a portrait of King Fuad I after whom it was named. A 10 mills in purple and brown commemorates the opening of the Fuad I Desert Institute. It pictures a group of explorers in the desert near some ancient ruins, plus portraits of King Fuad I and present King Farouk. The cover is shown through the courtesy of Frank McKechnie of the American Embassy in Cairo, Egypt.



BY CARL P. RUETH

One of our California customers apparently no more than saw the results of my Third Annual Design Derby than he "took his pen in hand" and barreled in an airmail, special delivery to the effect that "we wuz robb'd". He referred of course to the fact that the California Centennial of Statehood stamp just missed being the worst designed of the 1950 commems by just a few votes.

He must have been pretty "hot" when he wrote for he insinuated that the voting was stacked against the California stamp, and that anyone who didn't think it was the best looking item issued in quite a number of years was an artistic moron.

I am sure that the voters called them as they saw them—and at no time did I note any evidence that any individuals or group of individuals were trying to influence the voting. Even in the stamp club results the opinions did not fall into any patterns, that is for instance, that all the Indiana clubs voted for the Indiana stamp, regardless.

As an example of voting just about as divorced from local and national prejudices as possible, I offer you the results of the Cercle "Emile Vloors", Borgerhout/Anvers, Belgium. Voting in this stamp club of male adults was conducted by Marcel Poisson-Massart of Antwerp. Fourteen members chose the Bankers stamp as best, Boy Scouts second, and the Executive and Legislative tied for third.

Now for the point I am trying to make. In reporting the votes, Mr. Poisson-Massart wrote, "...The 'Worst Design' seems to have been the only one to have obtained the unanimity." And what was this stamp selected worst, unanimously? Shucks kids, the answer's easy. The California, of course!

It is interesting too, that these folks across the Atlantic, more or less disinterested and out of touch with our national opinions and prejudices, balanced things out for themselves naming the Bankers as the Least Necessary!

Check the above voting against the results given in this paper last week. You'll see that quality or lack of it is recognized the world over.

1. The Mothers Day stamp of 1934 was printed on both the rotary press and the flat bed press. Why?

2. Some of the following stamps also appeared as "Farleys". Can you pick which ones were: Kosciusko, Newburgh, NRA, Byrd, Maryland, Wisconsin (1934) and Connecticut?

Sooner or later someone was bound to ask the question, and, lucky boy that I am, I have an answer of sorts. It is, "Did you ever make a lucky find of stamps or covers?"

I did come into possession of a dandy bunch of covers once, in a most surprising manner.

Back in the 1930's when I still lived in Dayton, the folks next door completed their new house in another part of town and so began the process of moving their possessions there. Like the rest of us, they had a number of items, antiques, china and other things which they did not want to trust to the mercies of the professional moving men, so they hired one of those "U-Drive-It" trucks at so much per hour.

The two men of the family were rather elderly so I offered my help in bringing the stuff from the house to the truck, and at the other end of the line moving it into the new place. On our last load, I had brought one of those old fashioned wooden beer cases with a locking wooden lid to the man on the truck, when he accidentally dropped it. The lid flew open, and there full to the top was a load of covers.

"Say," he said, "You collect stamps, don't you? Want that stuff?"

Weak character that I am, I replied, "Yes!", grabbed the box and hauled it off to our back porch, and returned to the job.

Fate not only smiled at me that day, she broke down and had a real laughing spell, or besides the first beer case of covers, there were two more, both of which were offered, and both of which were hurried to the company of the first.

There were a lot of stampless covers in that load of loot as well as oodles of them with unusual, attractive and interesting cancellations and postmarks of the 1855-1890 era. Several of the covers were the kind you dream about, spotless and with valuable stamps.

So ever since that day when I see people anywhere with a U-Drive-It truck in their driveway in the process of moving, I always hang around to see if they have any of the old fashioned beer cases with the locking wooden lid among their junk! So far I haven't had any luck, but if I do spot one of those treasure chests, I am going to have to figure out a way real quick to get the man on the truck to drop it so that the lid will fly open.

On the other hand, maybe I better hadn't, I'm liable to wind

up with a bloody nose, and that in't good.

One of the reasons I have been anxiously awaiting the announcement by the Post Office Department of the commems it will issue in 1951 is to see whether the stamp I have been plugging and rooting for will be included.

Those of you who have been readers here for any length of time will remember that the one I refer to is for "Johnny Appesed" whose real name was John Chapman.

I understand that such a stamp was being consi' red by the Department, but whether it will be crowded out by others which have pressure behind them remains to be seen.

And while we are on the subject of new postage stamps, did you know that the life insurance agents of America feel they are entitled to one? Leon S. Sittenfeld of Kansas City, Mo. who does all right peddling insurance for a living sent a copy of the resolution on the matter mailed to the Post Office Department. It reads:

"WHEREAS the people of the United States and Canada have enjoyed for a century a greater measure of security through life insurance than have the people of other countries, and

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1. Because of the tremendous demand for these stamps which could not be met in the allotted time by production on the rotary press, production was also started on the flat bed presses.  
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**ANGOLA**—This Portuguese Colony plans to issue a set of stamps this month consisting of 24 denominations, each of which will picture a different bird said to be native to that country. All will appear in their natural colors with the assurance that a good job will be done since the printing is in the hands of the famed Swiss firm of Courvoiser of La Chaux du Fonds.

The face value of the set, which will run from 5c to 50 Angolans, has an equivalent value in United States money of approximately \$9.50.

**BULGARIA**—A recently issued sport set pictured runners on the 4 leva green, bicycle racers on the 91 brown, shot putter on the 201 blue and volley ball players on the 401 violet.

**CHILE**—The man who is regarded as a hero in most of South and Central America will be honored with a set of stamps on the centenary of his death. This is General San Martin who to date has been given philatelic recognition by several of the nations south of the border.

**CHINA**—A set of four stamps has now been completed to mark the 1st anniversary of the Republic. These stamps have originated on the communist held mainland with the design featuring a reproduction of the Republic's flag.

Denominations and colors are \$100 violet, red and yellow; \$400 brown, red and yellow; \$1000 olive, red and yellow and \$2000 blue, red and yellow.

For Manchuria a similar set had denominations of \$1000, \$2500, \$10,000 and \$20,000.

**CHINA**—When the National Postal Conference with representatives from various Chinese Provinces and Manchuria met in its first session November 1, 1950 a set of two stamps was issued for China proper and a two value set for Manchuria was released as well.

The design, which is common to the four stamps has a map of China in the background with various postal routes traced on it, various mail transporting vehicles and a corner mailbox.

Denominations and colors for China were \$400 green and orange and \$800 red and green. For Manchuria they were \$2500 green and orange and \$5000 red and green.

**COLOMBIA**—The recently issued set to honor Campesina consists of three stamps.

From this same county comes word that the overprinted 60c airmail has been found with an

inverted "A".

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**—The postal tax stamp from this west Indies republic should have a lot of appeal in all parts of the world. Its chief attraction is the design which pictures Christ with two children and the words, "Suffer the little children to come unto me."

Appropriately enough, this 1c pale blue stamp is to supply funds for a child welfare program.

**GERMANY**—The next Leipzig Fair will be held in March from 4 to 11. It can be expected that the two usually well designed commems which are issued regularly for the event will appear.

**INDIA**—This month, a stamp with a denomination of 2 annas is to be released to mark the centenary of the geological survey of India. The design will be quite appropriate, according to the New York Journal-American, since it will picture "Stegodon Ganesa", a predecessor of the elephant, and who roamed the foothills of the Himalayas over a million and a half years ago.

**INDO-CHINA**—Three states of this nation have been given the privilege of issuing stamps of their own. They are Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam. Nothing to date has been revealed when such stamps can be expected.

**IRAN**—On December 12, a set of six commems was issued to commemorate the liberation of the Province of Azerbaijan from communist control. Semipostal in nature, funds derived from the surtax were devoted to the families of the officers and soldiers who died in the struggle.

Of the 100,000 complete sets issued, 40,000 went on sale in the capital city, Teheran, while the balance went to other post offices. Sales to individuals were limited.

Denominations, colors and designs are:—10 dinars plus 5 dinars sepia, a map of the country and a portrait of the Shah; 50d; plus 25d brown, the monument erected to honor the fallen; 1 Rial plus 50d lilac, a parade of soldiers; 1.50R plus 75d green and red, map of the recovered province and a scene of the battlefield; 2.50R plus 1.25R blue, the Shah; 3R plus 1.50R blue, cavalry on the march.

**MACAO**—In November a stamp was released which pictured various forms of ocean life. Denomination was 10 avos, the color, brown.

**PARAGUAY**—Sale of four denominations of the Coat of Arms design, Scott numbers 459 to 462, type A110, imperforate condition at one of the capital city's suburban post offices has been reported. Whether this was an emergency measure has not been determined inasmuch as new supplies of the perforate stamps came rather quickly.

Denominations affected were the 5c red, 10c blue, 50c rose

violet and the 1G violet.

**SWITZERLAND**—Figures released by the Postal Administration indicate that just slightly over 800,000 complete sets of the annual Federal Festival semipostals can exist.

Quantities of each of the denominations are: 5c plus 5c (1,672,204); 10c plus 10c (2,585,964); 20c plus 10c (2,214,424); 30c plus 10c (808,334); 40c plus 10c (909,630).

**TRIESTE**—Jugoslav—a new postage due set was issued on November 1 according to Pierson Ostrow. Values are said to be 1 dinar gray and green; 2d greenish blue; 3d deep blue; 5d mauve.

**VENEZUELA**—At least one of the denominations of the Lake Maracaibo commemorative issue has been released. Evidence of this is a first day cover from F. Jacobi of Caracas bearing a 30c orange stamp.

It has a likeness of Don Alonso de Hojeda discoverer of the lake, and a map showing an old caravel approaching an inlet.

**COLLECTING CHARITY SEALS**

By Amy Ellen Davis  
6241 N. Bell St.  
Chicago 45, Ill.

**YES OR NO?**

In a recent column it was stated that, according to facts on hand at that time, the seal issued by the Denmark Christmas Seal Society should be classed as a club label rather than an authentic charity or tuberculosis seal.



Since that column appeared, several letters have been received from Denmark protesting this contention. Further facts surrounding the issuance of this seal have not been obtainable other than a circular issued by the D.J.F. We quote:

"The D.J.F. is a society of collectors of non-postal stamps, such as Christmas, Tuberculosis, Exhibition, Red Cross seals and other such having kindred objects.

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Those are the facts as stated by the society and from the foregoing readers may decide for themselves.

But regardless of the final status of this seal it is very well done and worthy of inclusion in any seal collection.

Pictured herewith is the new 1950 seal of the association, which is issued in panes of ten seals. Colors consist of varying shades of brown on white paper with red Lorraine cross.

**NEW U. S. FIRST DAYS**

The Post Office Department has not announced the 1951 stamp program.

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## JOHNNY APPLESEED

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was a friend.

In the grasses venomous reptiles and black rattlesnakes lurked in great numbers, but Johnny would shoulder his pack and with bare feet, penetrate to some remote spot of fertile soil and plant more seeds.

He had an uncanny and unfailing memory as to where he had planted his seeds. Year after year he would plod over the same ground, to check on his precious seedlings of other years. Sometimes there wasn't a trace left of his efforts; in others, the seeds had taken root and emerged from the soil. Some plantings had been partially destroyed by the elements or marauding wild animals.

But in general, Johnny continued to find nice returns for his efforts, and when the young trees were large enough to transplant, he would set them out over a larger territory, and when such extra ground was not immediately available, he would sell them, perhaps, to a nearby settler, or make him a present of one or a dozen trees, upon promise that they would be carefully tended.

Johnny's enthusiasm for the cultivation of apple trees in "the only proper way"—that is, from the seed—was the all absorbing object of his life. He denounced as absolute wickedness all devices of pruning and grafting, and believed that "only God can make a tree," as exemplified by Joyce Kilmer's poem a century later. He would denounce the act of cutting a tree as if it were a cruelty inflicted on a living being.

## HIS ENDLESS WANDERINGS

Johnny was perpetually wandering through forests and morasses, only to appear suddenly in white settlements or Indian villages. But there must have been some rare force of gentle goodness dwelling in his looks and breathing in his words, for, notwithstanding his ridiculous attire, he was always treated with the greatest respect by the rudest frontiersmen.

The Indians also treated Johnny with kindness and respect. He was regarded by them as a "great white medicine man" on account of his strange appearance, eccentric actions, and especially for the fortitude with which he could endure pain, in proof of which he would often insert needles and pins in his flesh.

Even during the War of 1812, he continued his wanderings. Large bands of Indians and British were destroying everything before them, murdering defenseless women and children. At such times, Johnny sometimes traveled day and night to warn his friends of the approaching danger, often refused food and denying himself a moment's rest until the alarm was spread.

As far as is known, there is only one record of Jonathan Chapman having invested his surplus means in the purchase of land. He received a deed for a

parcel of land in Mohican Township, Ashland County, Ohio—but with his indifference to matters of value, Johnny failed to record the deed and conveyance, and later lost the property.

His diet was of the simplest, and as meagre as his clothing. He believed it to be a sin to kill any creature for food, insisting that all that was required for human sustenance could be produced from the soil.

## HIS FAITHS AND BELIEFS

Johnny was a deeply religious man. He entertained a profound reverence for the revelations of a Swedish prophet named Swedenborg, and always carried some of his writings with him, for distribution among the white settlers.

He was a most earnest disciple of the faith, and his self claim-d to have frequent conversations with angels and spirits; two of the latter, of feminine gender, he said, had revealed to him that they were to be his wives in some future state, if he abstained from marriage on earth. So Johnny remained a bachelor.

His conception of the absolute sin was inflicting pain or death on any living thing, and was not limited to man and higher forms of animal life, but included everything that had being and therefore was to him, equally endowed with the Divine Essence.

On one occasion, a cool autumnal night, Johnny had built a fire near the place where he intended to sleep; but noticing that the flames attracted a large swarm of mosquitos who fell into the fire, he promptly quenched the same, stating: "God forbid that I should build a fire for my comfort which should become the means of destroying any of His creatures." Johnny slept cold.

On another occasion, seeking a suitable place for planting, on a small prairie, he was bitten by a rattlesnake. In describing the event later, he said: "Poor fellow, he only touched me, when I, in the heat of my ungodly passion, put my scythe on him. After dressing my wound I went back, and there lay the poor fellow, dead."

Coinciding with these beliefs, Johnny gradually developed his second great ambition—the care and protection of animals from abuse and suffering. Each autumn he would make diligent search for decrepit, lame and broken-down horses, and, gath-

ering them up, he would bargain for their food and shelter until the next spring, when he would lead them away to some good pasture for the summer.

Johnny's life, so full of self-imposed perils and hardships, was nevertheless a happy one. There is an element of pride in all martyrdom which softens the pains and stimulates the powers of endurance, and Johnny was serenely happy in the thought that he was living like the primitive Christians of old.

## EVER WESTWARD, HO!

In 1831, some 30 years after his first appearance on Licking Creek, Johnny noticed that civilization, wealth and population were steadily pressing and penetrating his beloved wilderness in Ohio. So once again, he turned his face farther toward the west. During the succeeding years, he pursued his eccentric avocation across the western border of Ohio and on into Indiana.

In the summer of 1847, when his labors had literally borne fruit over a hundred thousand square miles of territory, he came to rest, at the close of a hot day, in Allen County, Indiana, and was, as always, warmly welcomed by the settler and his family. He declined to eat with them, but accepted some bread and a bowl of milk of which he partook, sitting on the doorstep and gazing at the setting sun.

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